Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department

of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 01-03-13

Issued at Sitka, Alaska 23 August, 2013

Effective Date: 23 August, 2013

Expiration Date: 30 June 2014 (unless superseded by subsequent emergency order)

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the resident and nonresident mountain goat hunting season in the following portions of hunt area RG150; (1) that portion including the Nakwasina River drainages on Baranof Island in Game Management Unit 4. This emergency order takes effect at 11:59 PM, August 23, 2013.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the provisions of 5 AAC 85.040, Hunting seasons and bag limits for goat, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident	
Open Season	Open Season	Nonresident
	(Subsistence and	Open Season
	General Hunts)	

(1)

Unit 4, that portion including the Nakwasina River drainages on Baranof Island.

Aug. 1-Aug. 23 (General hunt only) Aug. 1-Aug. 23

1 goat by registration permit only; the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited.

All other mountain goat hunting regulations in Unit 4, other than areas previously closed by emergency order, are not affected by this emergency order.

Cora Campbell Commissioner

By delegation to:

Philip W. Mooney

Sitka Area Wildlife Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Biologists have set a maximum guideline harvest objective of 5 male goats or 1 female goat for the Nakwasina River drainage portion of the Unit 4 registration goat hunt (RG150). As of Thursday, August 22, 2013, 5 male goats have been reported harvested. Because the guideline harvest has been met in this area, an emergency order is being issued to close the mountain goat hunting season at 11:59 pm, Friday, August 23, 2013.

This emergency order is necessary to restrict the harvest to the guideline level, and to prevent overharvest in this area. Any additional harvest could have long-term negative effects on this goat population.

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